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*PARAGUAY: THE GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HAS AGREED TO EXTRADITE ACCUSED NARCOTICS SMUGGLER AUGUSTE RICORD. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] THE DECISION WILL BE ANNOUNCED TODAY AND EXTRADITION WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE ON 18 AUGUST. PRESIDENT STROESSNER'S DECISION TO HONOR THE US EXTRADITION REQUEST WILL REMOVE AN IRRITANT FROM US-PARAGUAYAN RELATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EXTRADITION ORDER WILL LEAVE HIM OPEN TO CRITICISM FROM HIS TRADITIONAL SUPPORTERS IN THE MILITARY AND THE RULING COLORADO PARTY FOR KNUCKLING UNDER TO US PRESSURE. IN ADDITION, HE WILL FACE CRITICISM FROM OPPONENTS AT A TIME WHEN HE IS PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR. [REDACTED]

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